Kew. Sep. 7th. '08

My dear [illegible],

[illegible] I keep a poor chronology I should begin my journal with saying [illegible] established Dr. [illegible] came home from [illegible] on Thursday Sep. 4th in time to [illegible] the little [illegible] at Richmond where we went by Dr. Hooker's invitation. He has had an invitation to make use of the Athenaeum Club House while in London, & went there to wait for Dr. H. It is a nice place to go for one's [illegible] a resting place while in [illegible] — "We can make your club, & [illegible] a dinner bed & read, & read all the [illegible] — [illegible] dined at an inn in Albemarle St. Dr. Hooker, Mr. Trautscholdt a Chemist, Mr. Tim [illegible] the pre-historic man, Lyndall on that, Mr. [illegible] Hurst & myself & some others were [illegible]

I dare [illegible] expense & [illegible] in [illegible] time, [illegible] get me across the bridge! [illegible] uncertain at Kew, the "Fly" would not start under 3/, [illegible] would not be in time. So we [illegible] on [illegible] the last train. We went to London [illegible] train from the same station for Richmond — but — in the end [illegible] to [illegible] & [illegible] found that [illegible] station [illegible] from our house to the [illegible] "the Country" & the S.W. [illegible] — Some such [illegible] like home, for me, passed "plantations" [illegible] trees, "downs", large [illegible] covered with heather [illegible] "Commons", [illegible] & [illegible] — [illegible] reserved — [illegible] cuttings of the rail-road to, at

the sides were not so cum & neat — But the cultivated
fields had that perfectly exquisite, & smooth look, & such
beautiful sheep! And so more & fat — Plenty of thatched
cottages, picturesque, but they don't look nice to live in, &
long farm houses, with barns & stacks, & pleasant
stream, pointed roads, the gardens built round with a
wall made of stone or brick — The

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razier, a strong liberal & fat

Dorset — is such a friend of Fonthill, so much
with Mr Beckford, & invited to dine in the house & he as
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he began declaring that in order strictly to observe
rule of the Jewish sabbath on Saturday, strictly he has a
museum & reads the Bible, manages the estate in detail,
teaches her the Bible, entertains, does her razier, reads
trained her & the poor all but her children's stories, & let

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Hard Garden, on the ruins of the grand, banqueting hall of old monkish days, where the last Abbot of Glastonbury was tried, & taken back to be hung over his own gate-way —

We went through a Gateway into this Court-yard, & on our right lay the Bishop's Palace, his Chapel at one side — Mrs. Church took us into the Palace to see the gallery, where the portraits of old Bishops, returning back — Wolsey, Laud, Ken, &c. &c. It was evidently the living-room — 40 ft. long, I should think, & narrow — two fire places, round one the sofas brought out so as to shut in a little sitting room; full of tables & books & etagères & ornaments, the walls painted red — At one end the Bishop's chair, real like our "President's chair" — The Misses Eden, the Bishop's Lord Auckland's daughters, received us so graciously, & kindly took us through the large corridor, the great drawing-room with arched windows with marble columns, the dining-room, making the circuit — At the stair-way we came unfortunately on the poor Bishop being helped out for an airing; Paralytic & feeble, he is only a wreck —

Then Mrs. Church took us to the Bishop's Chapel down stairs, a pretty little church, he should say, & through passages & little doorways into the garden again, & back to our rooms, where I sat down to rest & the Gentlemen went to explore the library (old & quaint, learned books) &c. &c. — Presently Mrs. Church & the two little girls went to lunch; before I was half through Dr. Cay came to take me to see the Chapter House, built on one central shaft & making arches in every direction, & seats around the walls for the old assemblage of dignitaries attached to the Cathedral — The great stone stair-case leads there, with stone seats at the side for the Canons to sit on when [illegible] — To the crypt, where [illegible] stone coffins & effigies of old Bishops & Abbots, through the antique cloister, across the green, with paint & [illegible] Gilding, & man with trowel, mother clearing paths, &c. back to their rooms, where after lunch we took leave of the R.C. Bishop & his Nobles, one

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[illegible] quaint, old houses all round this green, & [illegible] narrow streets running from it in various directions; then make the Cathedral Close, & yet, wherever there may have been [illegible], all are enclosed, so that to get in we passed through these stone lower gateways — We hurried across the green, under another gateway, & in an iron railed fence in at a gate, & not under shelter of the Chapter House, to a little old, stone house with old-[illegible] double [illegible] doors, & [illegible] — [illegible] Church's brother, [illegible] is at the head of a [illegible] [illegible] with the Cathedral — We left our shawls & hats, & ran back to the Cathedral, just in time for rain, morning service in the choir — The Cathedral is in a most perfect state of preservation — such a airy building inside, as the morning sun streamed in, the beautiful, stained glass window facing me, & the lovely [illegible] of grass — Old windows have, so that the figures & subject are nothing, only that beautiful blending of hues and I could raise my eyes & see the graceful clustering columns, as they soar up & unite to adorn in their mine [illegible] & the rich [illegible] voices evoked in chants & anthems — I am not going to attempt to describe the Cathedral, which is a very perfectly preserved specimen of [illegible] & decorated style — [illegible] some photographs, & when I have looked at them a little longer, I shall send them to you to look at & keep for me —

After service we went back to Mrs. Church, the dear Mrs. Church's sister, sweet & air & quite, one of the loveliest women I've seen, & in pretty large lots, four say, I should say — The [illegible] we did not see [illegible] to walk round [illegible] this optical, pretty fashion [illegible], & to show us the Wells from which Wells takes its name — Great springs burst in at once into ponds through the limestone, [illegible] [illegible] — These lie in the outer enclosure — Then turned a [illegible] into the Bishop's Palace, [illegible] by a wall 20 ft. high, towers at the corner, & a terrace [illegible] close inside for the archers & bowmen in olden time, to repulse attacks. The [illegible] all over — from nitto way, leaving these [illegible] contained loop-holes to look through, over the moat side full of water, [illegible] so to green fields with sheep & trees, & distant hills beyond — The garden is very charming, the palace makes one side, & [illegible] into it & separating from another court-